

Alert incident ID number: 11289

Report run on: Jun 24, 2020 at 13:56 by Admin Specialist Renee Gusto

Incident type Alert

Alert no.:AU19-0003 Date of alert: 01/11/2019

Member: Officer Drusso Martinez [1790]

Alert description:

Incident type specific alert: File #: U18-0497 Report #: 18-077176: Use of force has triggered an alert.

As of 12/28/2018, 7 Use of force incidents are linked to Officer Drusso Martinez [1790] that have occurred since 09/28/2018.

6 or more Use of force incidents during a 3 month period indicates that the officer's performance may need to be reviewed.

Organizational-specific threshold override alert criteria for : .

Action(s) taken in response to alert:

The Early Intervention System has alerted in reference to Officer Martinez being involved in 7 use of force incidents in a 90-day period. This analysis report reviews the 7 cases provided.
Summary:

Incident # 1: October 10, 2018, Case # 18-061026

Officer Martinez approached a subject who undercover detectives advised had just purchased narcotics. While approaching the subject, Officer Martinez observed the subject place said narcotics in his mouth in an attempt to conceal them. Officer Martinez grabbed the subject's jaw to prevent him from swallowing the drugs. The subject spit the narcotics out at which time he was handcuffed by Officer Martinez without further incident.

Incident # 2: October 13, 2018, Case # 18-061797

Officer Martinez arrived as backup to assist officers in placing a combative subject in the rear of a patrol vehicle. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez grabbed the subject's hair to control his head due to him swinging his head around. Officer Martinez then placed his hands on the subject's chest and assisting other officers in pushing the subject into the patrol vehicle.

Incident # 3: October 27, 2018, Case # 18-064648

Officer Martinez responded as backup to assist multiple officers in placing a resisting subject into custody. Upon arrival, Officer Martinez observed that officers had already placed the subject in handcuffs and were attempting to place him in the rear of a patrol vehicle. The subject continued to refuse to get into the rear of the patrol vehicle after numerous loud verbal commands from officers. Due to subject refusing to get in the vehicle, Officer Martinez pulled the subject into the vehicle from one side of the vehicle while other officers pushed the subject in from the other. The subject continued to try to get out of the vehicle at which point Officer Martinez attempt to control his upper body by grabbing the subject's head. The subject became belligerent and lunged backwards, causing the right side of the subjects face to hit Officer Martinez's palm while he was attempting to reach out for him. The subject claimed that he was struck by Officer Martinez, who indicated that the contact was unintentional due to the subject's erratic behavior. Officer Martinez had no further interaction with

said subject.

Incident # 4: November 24, 2018, Case # 18-070557

Officer Martinez responded a backup for a subject who had fled from officers on foot. After the subject was apprehended by other officers, Officer Martinez escorted the subject to a patrol vehicle using a bent arm transporter on his left arm due to him attempting to pull away and not complying with commands to walk. Once at the patrol vehicle, Officer Martinez grabbed the top of subject's head to place him into rear of patrol vehicle, at which time he resisted by not lowering his head. Once Officer Martinez was able to lower his head, he and other officers placed the subject's body inside the vehicle. The subject attempted to wedge his feet between the door jam area to avoid being placed inside vehicle. At this time, Officer Martinez moved the subject's feet with his hands and placed them into the vehicle.

Incident # 5: December 07, 2018, Case # 18-073411

Officer Martinez and other officers were attempting to place a suspect under arrest for domestic battery who refused to come to the door. After making entry to the residence, a K9 was deployed after the suspect refused to come out. After K9 deployed onto the suspect, Officer Martinez and other officers pulled the suspect into the living room area. While on the ground, the suspect refused to give his hands to officers, keeping them under his body. Officer Martinez struck the suspect approximately six times in the back between his shoulder blades with a closed fist using his right hand, at which point the suspect gave his hands to officers. Other officers were then able to place him into handcuffs.

Incident # 6: December 19, 2018, Case # 18-075550

Officer Martinez responded to a suspicious incident involving a male caller whispering into the phone advising that someone was there threatening to kill him. While checking the yard surrounding the residence, Officer Martinez observed a subject emerge from behind a fence armed with a silver pistol in his left hand down at his waist. Officer Martinez pointed his issued firearm at the subject's chest area and gave loud verbal commands for the subject to drop the firearm, which the subject did immediately. The subject was placed into handcuffs for officer safety by Officer Toler. It was later discovered that the subject was a concerned neighbor who possessed a valid CCW and was later released without further incident.

Incident # 7: December 28, 2018, Case # 18-077176

Officer Martinez arrived as backup to assist officers who were attempting to place a combative subject into custody for domestic battery. Upon arrival, the subject was already in handcuffs, but was attempting to kick officers still. In order to prevent the subject from kicking officers, Officer Martinez utilized his department issued VPRD (Violent Prisoner Restraint Device) to secure the subject's legs. The hook for the VPRD was then connected to the handcuffs. Officer Martinez assisted officers in escorting the subject to a patrol vehicle by holding the subject's right arm and carrying him to the vehicle. Once at the vehicle, Officer Martinez unattached the hook from the handcuffs.

Analysis:

In seven cases, Officer Martinez was attempting to apprehend/subdue suspects who were providing some form of resistance. In all cases Officer Martinez utilized the appropriate level of force based on the resistance encountered.

Findings:

After reviewing all seven cases, I conclude that Officer Martinez's actions in response to the resistance encountered were within department policy and it is my conclusion that that are no issues or concerning patterns of behavior relating to Officer Martinez.

User alerted/making original entry: Sergeant Bryan Graham on Jan 11, 2019

Incidents that caused this alert

Dt Rec'd. Type File # Report # Assign @ time of alert

Oct 10, 2018	Use of force	U18-0390	18-061026	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol
Oct 13, 2018	Use of force	U18-0370	18-061797	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol
Oct 27, 2018	Use of force	U18-0357	18-064648	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Nov 24, 2018	Use of force	U18-0431	18-070557	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Dec 08, 2018	Use of force	U18-0449	18-073411	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Dec 19, 2018	Use of force	U18-0474	18-075550	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol
Dec 28, 2018	Use of force	U18-0497	18-077176	Martinez, Drusso	Officer [1790]	Patrol-Patrol

BlueTeam field routings:

Jan 11, 2019 14:07

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567]

Instructions:

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Reviewed Jan 18, 2019 23:38

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

Completion notes: For approval. No attachments

Jan 11, 2019 14:07

From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Admin Specialist Carla Claypool [1811]

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Reviewed Feb 15, 2019 00:00

Decision:

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From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Admin Specialist Renee Gusto [1416]

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< Not yet reviewed >

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From Sergeant Dwayne Shellhammer [1517] to Lieutenant Robert D. Armstrong [1409]

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Decision:

Jan 18, 2019 23:38

From Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567] to Lieutenant Robert D. Armstrong [1409]

Instructions:

For approval.

Reviewed Jan 18, 2019 23:41

Decision: Not approved
Other

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Lieutenant Robert Armstrong]

Jan 18, 2019 23:41

From Lieutenant Robert D. Armstrong [1409] to Sergeant
Andrew M. Combs [1567]

Instructions:

returned at your request for minor correction

Reviewed Jan 18, 2019 23:43

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

Corrections made.

Jan 18, 2019 23:43

From Sergeant Andrew M. Combs [1567] to Lieutenant
Robert D. Armstrong [1409]

Instructions:

for approval.

Reviewed Jan 19, 2019 17:24

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Lieutenant Robert Armstrong]

Jan 19, 2019 17:24

From Lieutenant Robert D. Armstrong [1409] to Captain
James J. Rieser [1175]

Instructions:

EIS analysis completed by Sergeant Combs relating to
Officer Martinez. I concur with the analysis. For your
review. No attachment, the narrative is within the action
taken section.

Reviewed Jan 22, 2019 08:45

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Captain James Rieser]

Jan 22, 2019 08:45

From Captain James J. Rieser [1175] to Lieutenant Rex D. Troche [1460]

Instructions:

Reviewed.

Reviewed Jan 22, 2019 10:44

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Lieutenant Rex Troche]

Jan 22, 2019 10:44

From Lieutenant Rex D. Troche [1460] to Chief of Police Bernadette A. DiPino [00100]

Instructions:

Chief per the analysis there are no issues or concerning patterns of behavior relating to Officer Martinez.

Reviewed Jan 28, 2019 09:33

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Chief of Police Bernadette DiPino]

Jan 28, 2019 09:33

From Chief of Police Bernadette A. DiPino [00100] to Lieutenant Rex D. Troche [1460]

Instructions:

Approved

Reviewed Jan 28, 2019 10:08

Decision: Approved

Reviewer comment:

[Forwarded by Lieutenant Rex Troche]

Jan 28, 2019 10:08

From Lieutenant Rex D. Troche [1460] to Admin
Specialist Renee Gusto [1416]

Instructions:

Per COP, approved, no issues.

Reviewed Feb 15, 2019 00:00

Decision:

Reviewer comment:

[Open routing]